

Memo to File

RE: Oil in storm ditch at Immaculate Conception Church

On Friday, March 4, 1988, at 11:30 a.m. Randy Lyman received a call from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources concerning oil in the storm ditch at Immaculate Conception Church at 3555 S. Fremont. Gene Pabst and I went to that location to investigate the problem. There was a lot of water in the ditch at this time due to the rain on Wednesday and Thursday. There was quite a bit of petroleum product on top of the water. Gene and I traced the oily sheen back to the storm grate in the Fremont Center lot at Fremont and Montclair. At this point the storm sewer went underground and we don't have a storm sewer map that indicates what is connected to this storm grate. The storm ditch at Immaculate Conception Church drains into a storm water retention pond on Westview street between Fremont and National. There was an oily sheen on one edge of the pond. The pond itself doesn't drain anywhere else. At 12:45 p.m. Gene called Randy and asked for someone to bring out a sorbent boom. Gene also asked Randy to call DNR and ask someone from that office to come out and look at the problem. Steve Short brought out a boom and laid it in the storm box that flows under Primrose street. I went into the Immaculate Conception office and told them what we were doing. The office secretary told us that she had noticed and oily sheen on top of the water Thursday. At 1:15 p.m. Gale Roberts and Melinda Mitchell-Sas met us and looked at the problem. At 1:25 p.m., Gene and I went into the Firestone store at 1414 E. Battlefield and talked to the store manager, Ray Handy. He told us that his waste oil tank was underground in the back of the building. He said they hadn't had any spills and that their used oil hadn't been picked up in over a week. Steve Short walked around the Southwestern Bell Building but didn't see any evidence of a spill. Gene and I drove around the Fremont Center lot and the Commerce Bank lot, but didn't see any evidence of a spill. On Monday, March 7, 1988, Gene Pabst and I went to Immaculate Conception Church to look at the storm ditch. It was almost dry, but there was oil stuck to the grass in the ditch. We picked up the boom. We then drove around the Great Southern parking lot, but didn't see any evidence of an oil spill there. On Tuesday, March 8, 1988, Randy got a call from Dave Speak asking us to look at the storm ditch on Fremont. Gene Pabst and I went back to the church to look at the ditch again. There had been some rain during the night and it had flushed some of the oil out of the storm ditch on Fremont. We then went to look at the pond on Westview. It was pretty windy so we couldn't see any evidence of oil on the surface of the water.

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